

MINUTES

Of the Following Annual Conferences

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

The Sixtieth Session of the Central Ohio
Conference, held at Fargo, Ohio, August
19-23, 1908.

The Sixty-Sixth Session of the Miami
Conference, held at Dunkirk, Ohio, August
25-26, 1908.

The First Session---for Organization---of the
Ohio Conference, held at Dunkirk, Ohio,
August 26, 1908.

THE CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—Rev. O. H. Ramsey.

Vice-President:—Rev. L. L. Folger.

Secretary:—Rev. Arthur W. Smith.

Treasurer:—Rev. H. R. Smith.

Trustees:—Rev. O. H. Ramsey, Rev. H. R. Smith, Rev. Arthur W. Smith, Ira B. Benedict, L. H. McMillan.

Advisory Board:—Rev. L. L. Folger, L. H. McMillan.

CONFERENCE ROLL, 1908.

Ministers.

J. H. Chapelear, Plantsville, Ohio.

L. L. Folger, Marengo, R. F. D., Ohio.

Anna K. Folger, Marengo, R. F. D., Ohio.

Wm. H. Mayle, Fleming, Ohio.

O. H. Ramsey, Delaware, Ohio.

W. H. Ramsey, 621 F St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

H. R. Smith, Leonardsburg, Ohio.

Arthur W. Smith, Galena, Ohio, R. F. D.

E. Thompson, Senecaville, Ohio.

Francena McMillan, Pataskala, Ohio, R. F. D.

Licentiates.

G. W. Calhoon, Houghton, N. Y.

Isaac Kennedy, Cutler, Ohio.

Benny Trunick, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Arthur D. Osborne, Greersville, Ohio.

Della Osborne, Greersville, Ohio.

Maud White, Hockingport, Ohio.

Howard Bolton, Galena, Ohio.

Delegates.

Howard Bolton, Galena, Ohio, R. F. D.
Norton Nichols, Pataskala, Ohio.
Alcott Hicks, Danville, Ohio.
Minnie Crist, Ashley, Ohio, R. F. D.
Pearl Haber, Olmsted Falls, Ohio, R. F. D.
Ray Lee, Big Prairie, Ohio.
Luther Frazier, Danville, Ohio.
E. B. Welch, Weston, W. Va.
Lois Osborne, Marengo, Ohio, R. F. D.
W. F. Curtis, Summerfield, Ohio.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The sixtieth session of the Central Ohio Conference convened at Fargo, Ohio, Wednesday, August 19, 1908, at 10:30 A. M.

Rev. L. L. Folger, President, conducted the opening religious services, reading the sixteenth chapter of Judges and preaching on the 20th verse of the same. The sermon set forth the need of separation unto God as a means of spiritual strength and the clean church here as a type of the clean church triumphant.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by L. L. Folger.

L. L. Folger, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

Wednesday, August 19, 1908, 2 P. M.

O. H. Ramsey conducted religious services.

Roll called. Minutes approved.

The credentials of Howard Bolton, E. B. Welch, Norton Nichols, W. F. Curtis, Alcott Hicks, Minnie Crist, Lois Osborne and Pearl Haber were received and their names placed on the roll as lay members of the conference.

Rev. Charles E. Whetnall and Rev. Anna K. Folger elected Committee on Religious Services.

Ordered that the first four seats across the house constitute the bar of conference.

Rev. H. R. Smith, Rev. Anna K. Folger, Rev. Arthur W. Smith, Minnie Crist and Norton Nichols constituted the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Secretary was ordered to supply each pastor with a printed copy of conference resolutions.

Ordered that Rev. O. H. Ramsey, Rev. H. R. Smith, Rev. W. H. Mayle, Alcott Hicks, E. R. Welch and Norton Nichols constitute the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Revs. H. R. Smith and Chas. E. Whetnall elected Committee on Reforms.

Committee on Memorials was composed of Revs. O. H. Ramsey, H. R. Smith, and Chas. E. Whetnall and the time for memorial services fixed as Thursday at 3 P. M.

Ordered that the time of meetings be 9 A. M., 1:30 P. M. and adjourn on vote. Evenings 7:30.

President Folger named the heads of the conference committees as follows: Rev. Chas. E. Whetnall, Reforms; Rev. Francena McMillan, Missions; Rev. F. A. Ashburn, Education; Rev. Anna K. Folger, Statistics; Lois Osborne and Pearl Haber were added to the Committee on Statistics.

F. A. Ashburn and Minnie Crist were added to the Committee on Examination of Character.

Rev. H. R. Smith, Rev. L. L. Folger, Rev. E. Thompson and Rev. O. H. Ramsey were re-elected Judiciary Committee.

The Auditing Committee was composed of Francena McMillan and Lois Osborne.

Arthur W. Smith was elected to fill vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

The recommendation from the Africa charge that Howard Bolton be received to study under conference direction was referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Rev. Maud White, pastor of our Meigs county work was introduced to conference.

President Folger reported as follows: September 23, 1907, appointed Rev. E. V. Potter to supply Walker charge. Sept.

17, 1907, appointed Rev. C. E. Whetnall pastor Fargo charge. October 3, 1907, granted Rev. Ralph Davy a transfer to Rochester conference.

Nov. 25, 1907, appointed Rev. Anna K. Folger pastoral supply of Big Prairie charge.

Nov. 26, 1907, granted Rev. Hiram Ackers a transfer to the Columbia River Mission conference.

Feb. 27, 1908, appointed Rev. O. H. Ramsey pastor of Africa charge.

Feb. 28, 1908, received the resignation of Rev. E. V. Potter pastor of Walker charge.

May 14, 1908, granted Rev. J. S. Mowery a transfer to Columbia River Mission conference.

Report adopted.

Rev. Chas. E. Whetnall raised a question respecting the right of a pastor to grant a letter to members of a church now defunct. Discipline, page 97 was quoted as settling the point.

Time for voting on the proposed merger with Miami fixed as the first item on Thursday P. M.

The President reported that he had used a degree of diligence in securing a man to hold a line of tent meetings through the conference but the matter was dropped because of the failing health of him who was to hold the meeting.

Ordered that a public discussion of Moral reform be instituted in place of the customary report.

Characters of E. Thompson and J. H. Chapelear called and passed.

Adjourned by vote. Benediction by W. H. Mayle.

L. L. Folger, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. Rev. W. H. Mayle preached.

Thursday, August 20, 1908, 9 A. M.

Religious services conducted by Rev. Anna K. Folger.

Roll called, journal approved.

Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, was introduced to the

conference and made an honorary member of the body. Time fixed for hearing him as Friday P. M.

Names of Ray Lee and Luther Frazier added to the roll of delegates on presentation of credentials.

Characters of W. H. Ramsey and F. A. Ashburn passed.

Adjourned by vote.

L. L. Folger, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

Rev. Francena A. McMillan preached at 10:30 A. M.

Thursday, August 20, 1908, 1:30 P. M.

F. A. Ashburn conducted religious services.

Roll called and journal approved.

Rev. Dodge of Marengo, Ohio, introduced to the conference.

The order of the day arriving, the proposed merger with Miami was taken up and O. H. Ramsey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the conditions of union agreed upon by the trustees of the two bodies. The question was discussed and action deferred until 9:30 A. M. Friday.

Characters of O. H. Ramsey and Arthur W. Smith passed.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. O. H. Ramsey, Revs. F. E. Calhoun, E. Guthrie and Hiram Ackers having been called home during the past year.

Character of Isaac Kennedy passed.

Adjourned by vote.

L. L. Folger, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

August 20, 1908, 8 P. M., Arthur W. Smith preached.

Friday, August 21, 1908, 9 A. M.

President Folger conducted religious services.

Roll called and journal approved.

Characters of L. L. Folger and Benny Trunick passed.

Rev. W. J. Seekins, Connectional Treasurer, and Rev. S. W.

Bond, Educational Secretary, were introduced to and made honorary members of the conference.

The question of union with Miami was called and a ballot vote resulted in 17 ayes, and 1 nay. Carried.

Adjourned by vote.

L. L. Folger, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

Rev. Maud White of Hockingport, Ohio, preached at 10:30 A. M.

Friday, August 21, 1908, 1:30 P. M.

Called to order by the President. Scripture reading and prayer by W. H. Mayle. Roll called. Journal approved.

O. H. Ramsey, H. R. Smith and L. H. McMillan were chosen from the old Board of Trustees, as Trustees to receive the property of the new body.

Rev. F. A. Ashburn granted a letter of standing.

Characters of Anna K. Folger, Chas. E. Whetnall, W. H. Mayle, H. R. Smith and Maud White passed.

Nine A. M. on Saturday made the time for election of conference officers.

Three P. M. on Saturday fixed as the time for hearing W. J. Seekins.

F. H. Ashburn, chairman of Committee on Education reported. Adopted. See Appendix IV.

Francena A. McMillan, Chairman of Committee on Missions reported. Adopted. See Appendix V.

The recommendations of Arthur D. Osborne, Della Osborne, and Maud White were received and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Rev. E. Thompson, chairman of the Committee on Sabbath-schools reported through the Secretary. Report adopted. See appendix.

W. J. Seekins, Connectional Treasurer, spoke of our denominational interests, setting forth the condition of the various denominational societies.

Adjourned by vote.

L. L. Folger, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

Friday, August 21, 1908, 8 P. M.

The Conference W. H. and F. M. S. conducted their annual meeting. The exercises consisted of papers on various mission topics and an address by Rev. E. Teter.

Saturday, August 22, 1908, A. M.

President Folger conducted religious services. Roll called and Journal approved.

The order of the day was called and officers elected as follows. Rev. O. H. Ramsey, President; Rev. L. L. Folger, Vice-President; Rev. Arthur W. Smith, Secretary; Rev. H. R. Smith, Treasurer. Rev. L. L. Folger and L. H. McMillan, Advisory Board.

Rev. H. R. Smith, Rev. Anna K. Folger, Rev. Chas. E. Whetnall, Minnie Crist and I. R. Benedict, were elected Committee on Presidency.

Ordered that the President travel the conference and hold all quarterly conferences.

Time and place of next meeting fixed as the third Wednesday in August, 1909, at Africa, subject to pending contingencies and the connectional schedule.

Three P. M. Saturday fixed as the time for hearing S. W. Bond.

Adjourned. by vote.

L. L. Folger, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

W. J. Seekins preached at 10:30 A. M.

Saturday, August 22, 1908, 1:30 P. M.

President Ramsey called conference to order. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Mayle.

Roll called and Journal approved.

Ordered that the Secretary print the minutes and draw on the incidental fund for expense of publication. Understood that if the Central Ohio and Miami conference unite a brief record of the doings of the new body be included in the published minutes.

Committee on Pastoral Relations reported and report adopted. See Appendix I.

Ordered that the President prepare a schedule of quarterly meeting for the year and publish said schedule in the minutes.

Ordered that the President receive a salary of \$400 and that Arthur W. Smith, H. R. Smith and Wm. Coon be a committee to apportion the same among the various charges.

The report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations was reconsidered and the name of O. H. Ramsey taken from the superannuated list and placed on the active list. The amended report adopted.

The conference voted an expression of gratitude to the people of the community and church and to the pastor for the hospitality extended to the conference

Rev. L. L. Folger, retiring president, received a vote of thanks for his efficient services.

Ordered that the President secure, if possible, tent meetings for the various charges during the summer of 1909.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported. Report considered item by item and adopted as a whole. See Appendix IV.

The order of the day arriving, S. W. Bond, Educational Secretary, presented our denominational school interests.

Adjourned to meet at 6 P. M.

O. H. Ramsey, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

Saturday, August 22, 1908, 6. P. M.

Conference assembled at call of the president. After prayer the Journal was approved.

Ordered that in case of the proposed merger with Miami, O. H. Ramsey ceases to be President with salary, that conference officers be empowered to restore him to the superannuated list with the contingent appropriation of \$40.

Auditing Committee reported. Report adopted. See Appendix II.

The treasurer, Rev. H. R. Smith reported. Report adopted. See Appendix III.

Ordered that the Treasurer be allowed \$5 to defray postage and money order expenses.

Committee on Statistics reported. Report adopted. See Appendix VIII.

Ordered that telephone and telegraph expenses of O. H. Ramsey at Dunkirk, O., be paid.

Ordered that we re-affirm our 1907 resolutions on Moral Reform and print the same in the minutes. See Appendix VII.

Ordered that in printing the minutes of the first session of the Ohio conference the Secretary indicate the number of the Ohio conference as being the consecutive numbers of the Central Ohio and Miami conferences. Said numbering to appear on the title page of minutes.

Rev. Chas. E. Whetnall granted a letter of standing.

Ordered that the Secretary receive \$5 for extra expense in printing last year's minutes.

Adjourned to meet at call of the chair.

O. H. Ramsey, President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary.

Note:—The Secretary wishes to apologize for the loss of Brother E. Thompson's most excellent report on Sabbath-Schools. Our Brother's feeble health precludes its reproduction. But for the accidental destruction of the paper it would appear as an Appendix to the Journal.

Appendix I.—Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Africa, Arthur W. Smith; Big Prairie, To be supplied; Fargo, L. L. and Anna K. Folger; Greensville, Arthur and Della Osborne; Harrison, Francena A. McMillan; Mansfield, To be supplied; Seneca, G. W. Calhoon, conditionally; Clarksburg and Cecil, Benny Trunick; Cutler and Kilvert, J. H. Chapelear; Whites Chapel, Maud White; West View, Jesse M. Williams; Walker Circuit, care of E. B. Welch; Mission in Washington, D. C., W. H. Ramsey. Superannuated elders, E. Thompson with an appropriation of ten dol-

lars. On motion O. H. Ramsey was taken from the superannuated list and made effective.

L. L. Folger, H. R. Smith, W. H. Mayle, W. A. Hicks, E. B. Welch, Nort Nichols, Committee.

W. H. Mayle, Supernumerary; Chas. E. Whetnall, Supernumerary. F. A. Ashburn received a letter of standing. H. R. Smith, conference evangelist; Isaac Kennedy, referred back to his quarterly conference; I. D. Clymer, transferred to North Michigan conference.

We recommend that the officers of the conference be empowered to increase the appropriations to Superannuated Elders in case of emergencies.

We recommend that Maud White receives twenty-five dollars from conference funds and that the appropriation for Big Prairie be left in the hands of the conference officers. Respectfully submitted,

O. H. Ramsey.

Appendix II. Report of Auditing Committee.

1. Incidental Fund: Balance in treasury, 1907, \$33.25; Received during year, \$7.35; Total, \$40.60; Disbursed, \$18; Balance in treasury Aug. 22, \$22.60.

2. Superannuated Fund: Cash in treasury Aug. 22, 1907, \$139.10; Receipts, \$33.62; Total, \$172.72; Disbursed, \$29.27; Balance in treasury, \$143.45.

3. Foreign Missionary Fund: Receipts, \$74.18; Disbursed, \$74.18.

4. Connectional Home Missions: Receipts, \$122.13; Disbursed, \$122.13.

Three-fourths Dollar Plan: Total receipts, \$111.96; Disbursed, \$111.96.

5. Conference Home Missions: Cash in treasury August 19, 1907, \$88.97; Receipts, \$72.19; Total, \$161.16; Disbursed, \$68.78; Balance in treasury, \$92.38.

Labor day collections: Receipts, \$4; Disbursements, \$4.

Returned by collections, \$25.83.

At the opening of conference we found the Treasurer's book on the Delaware Savings Bank Co. to show a deposit to the credit of the Superannuated, the Conference Mission and the Incidental Funds of \$232.55.

We found every disbursement balanced by a receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. McMillan, Lois Osborne, Committee.

6. Educational Fund: Receipts, \$29.76; Disbursed, \$29.76.

Expenses Delegates to General Conference: Receipts, \$31.50; Disbursed, \$31.50.

Typewriter Fund: Receipts, \$1.10; Disbursed, \$1.10.

Boiler Fund: Receipts, \$15; Disbursed, \$15.

Aid to Sister F. E. Calhoun: Advanced from conference treasury, \$25.

Appendix III.—Report of the Treasurer of Central Ohio Wesleyan Methodist Conference, August 22, 1908.

Incidental Fund: Cash in treasury Aug. 24, 1907, \$33.25; Receipts during year, \$7.35; Total, \$40.60; Disbursed, \$18; Balance in treasury Aug. 22, 1908, \$22.60.

Superannuated Elders' Fund: Balance in treasury Aug. 24, 1907, \$139.10; Receipts during the year, \$33.62; Total, \$172.72; Disbursed during year, \$29.27; Balance in treasury Aug. 22, 1908, \$143.45.

Foreign Missions: Receipts during year, \$74.18; Disbursed, \$74.18.

Typewriter Fund:—Received \$1.10; Disbursed, \$1.10.

Connectional Home Missions: Receipts, \$122.13; Disbursed, \$122.13.

Dollar Plan: Three-fourths of receipts, \$111.96; Disbursed, \$111.96.

Education: Receipts, \$29.76; Disbursed, \$29.76.

Conference Home Missions: Balance in treasury Aug. 24, 1907, \$88.97; Receipts during year, \$72.19; Total, \$161.16; Disbursed, \$68.78; Balance in treasury Aug. 22, 1908, \$92.38.

Labor day collection: Receipts, \$4; Disbursed, \$4.

Expenses of Delegates to General Conference: Receipts, \$31.50; Disbursed, \$31.50.

New Boiler Fund:—Receipts, \$15; Disbursed, \$15.

Aid to Sister F. E. Calhoon, advanced from conference treasury to be replaced by collections, \$25. Returned to the treasury by collections, \$25.33.

In Delaware Savings Bank to credit of conference funds Aug. 19, 1908, \$232.55.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Smith, Treasurer.

Appendix IV.—Report of Committee on Education.

Education is the leading of human souls to what is best, and making what is best out of them. These two objects are always attainable together and by the same means. The training which makes men happier in themselves makes them more serviceable to others. Such training educates the young to think, and since thought is the most creative thing in the world, to gain for your boy or girl the power to think strongly and clearly, is to equip them with the best implement with which to win wealth for themselves while benefiting others. Nor is this power to think merely an ornament to be desired. It is very important now to succeed in life and year by year is becoming more indispensable. The railroad, the steamboat, telegraph, and telephone have brought the world close together and we are living in an age of keen competition with the producers of every class and clime.

Not only in the business world but with the individual the standard is rising.

Ten years ago a man might serve an apprenticeship of six months in a drug store, law office or work shop and then enter business himself, but this is all changed. Three years in some university, four at a medical or law school on top of a good literary education is required. The state boards stand sternly guarding the door of all professions against the unskilled, and in many professions the irreligious are disposed to enter. Therefore it is very

necessary that we send our boys and girls to a school where they will receive a religious training as well as the discipline of the mind. And we would recommend Houghton Seminary as a school of special advantages along this line. Respectfully yours,

F. A. Ashburn, Arthur W. Smith, Committee.

Appendix V.—Report of Committee on Missions.

We have but to glance a moment at the great scheme of salvation, to convince ourselves that the cause of missions is the cause of God. If this be true duty is plain and none can escape from the responsibility laid upon them.

The cause of lost humanity was the moving factor that made Jesus Christ leave the bosom of the Father, and becoming incarnate, sacrifice himself for the salvation of fallen mankind.

Though he was wounded, though he was bruised, yet he was victor over death, hell and the grave, coming forth triumphant—having purchased salvation for all. He gave the church a great and most important commission, this commission was not for Christ's immediate hearers, His then disciples alone, but one going with his religion to every one in all ages of the world; "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you alway."

Obedience to that command is our plain duty and will surely bring a blessing, obedience is ours and only obedience. God, the author of the commission is responsible for the results. He says, Go! and we stay at our peril of our souls.

This great commission, coming as it does from the author of human redemption, lays upon the church of Christ the solemn obligation of Christian zeal, and self-sacrificing, consecrated effort, to aid in the propagation of the glorious gospel of peace, till all shall know him from the least to the greatest, and the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Christ.

The Rev. A. T. Pierson says: "The one all inclusive need for missionary work is to get and keep close to the mind, heart and

will of Christ; then we see both the work and the world through His eyes and feel some what of His unselfish and holy love for human souls. Then alone can His Spirit work unhindered in us and through us." In this attitude, our wills, will be as God's will, and God wills that the knowledge of the truth shall reach the world through our efforts. If we pray for missions, we may look for God's using us in some way to answer the prayer, and as Christ's wish for the world's salvation meant the sacrifice of his life; so with us, our prayers for the world will cost us something more than words if we are in earnest.

In the signs of the times we see much to encourage us in the work of the evangelization of the world. In Asia we see a peculiar condition of unrest which promises much for the cause of the Gospel of Christ.

Roman Catholic countries are becoming dissatisfied with papal rule, and laborious, empty forms and superstitions, and are calling for the simple, effective story of the cross.

In Korea, which has so far been revolutionized by the purifying power of the Gospel as to be called New Korea, we find a condition most encouraging, illustrated by the case of one town alone, where, sixteen years ago a missionary on entering was stoned, another missionary recently visiting the same place heard two thousand Korean men singing earnestly, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, shall his successive journeys run."

In India the number of converts to the Christian religion was greatly in excess of the record of last year.

Africa is looking towards the God-way, and from the various fields in that land we are hearing encouraging reports.

The great Laymen's Movement of this country is a good omen. This movement seems to be characterized by a plain statement of facts in a plain, forceable way and by reducing the substance of duty and privilege to the form of a straight-forward business proposition.

From this medium we learn just how many missionaries and how much money is needed in order that the world may be speedily evangelized. They tell us that the sum required would be secured if each Protestant church member would contribute at the rate

of \$2 per annum, or at the rate of a little less than four cents per week.

Though these facts mentioned and many others encourage us, still there is great room for improvement. There are vast fields yet unoccupied by the church. The interest being shown by some, should be awakened in all.

We are yet as a church far below our privilege along this line.

We urge that evangelists and pastors press the claims of this work upon our people.

We recommend that Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be organized in every church for the purpose of arousing and giving direction to a missionary spirit among the people, to devise lawful means to interest them in missionary work, to put forth systematic effort to raise money for the support of the gospel at home and in the needy places and to do such other work as may be for the good of the souls and bodies of perishing humanity.

We farther recommend, that Young Missionary Worker's Bands be organized in every church, under the care of the Missionary Society. Our missionary work of the future must be dependent upon those who are our children and young people of to-day. Let us create in them a greater missionary spirit and thereby train them for future usefulness.

Believing that the Lord still has use for us as a church, and if so that it is a duty binding upon us that we extend our borders wherever practicable, therefore, we farther recommend that our annual conference and pastors keep a strict oversight over the work of missions within the bounds of our own conference; to the end that we may occupy such territory as may be practicably accessible.

Let us be true to God's call in this work, for we are persuaded that nothing can make our conference stronger and more effective, like consecrated, zealous effort in well directed missionary work. The work is of great magnitude but not greater than the provisions of Divine Grace.

With God as our leader, may we go forth conquering and to conquer; carrying the gospel story to benighted, sin cursed hu-

manity wherever they may be found at our very door or in foreign lands; sowing the seed of the Word, having the assurance that at the last great day we shall come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

Appendix VI.—Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submit the following report: Mrs. Della Osborne's credentials from the Kansas conference were received and found satisfactory. She having passed the first and second year's work, we recommend she continue the Course of Study to its completion.

A. D. Osborne presented credentials showing that he had completed his course of study.

We recommend that Maud White begin the first year's work.

I. D. Clymer having finished the second year except one book, the first half of Church History and having taken two books in the third year, we recommend that he continue the Course of study.

J. M. Williams advanced to the third years' work.

Francena A. McMillan having taken an equivalent to the entire course of study, we recommend that she be ordained.

We recommend that Howard Bolton be received to study under conference direction. Respectfully submitted.

H. R. Smith, Anna K. Folger, Arthur W. Smith, Minnie Crist, Norton Nichols, Committee.

Appendix VII.—Minutes of W. H. and F. M. Society.

The W. H. and F. M. Society of the Central Ohio conference met at Fargo, Ohio, Aug. 19, 1908.

After devotional exercises, and appropriate remarks by the President, the Society proceeded to the transaction of business.

Reports were given by the delegates from the local Societies.

The Committee on Statistics reported as follows:

The following is the report of the Treasurer: Cash on hand

at beginning of year, \$7.48; Received during the year, \$186.45; Disbursements for the year, \$184.05; Balance on hand, \$9.88.

A motion prevailed that we send \$20 out of our funds to help educate a medical missionary.

Miss Sophia Rachler was elected Superintendent of Y. M. W. B. work. Harrison Chapel having met the necessary conditions, was awarded the Y. M. W. B. banner.

The following plan of work was adopted:

1. We recommend that the organizer make a tour of the conference, visiting each local society, and presenting the claims of conference society. Money for said organizer's expenses to be raised by Conference Society, as said Society shall provide.

2. We farther recommend that the Y. M. W. B. work be pushed with greater zeal. In the coming generation lies our hope for the future of our missionary work. We believe we are not up to the standard we should set for ourselves in this work. Let us as one person throughout the entire conference make a grand pull, and a pull all together, and bring up the Y. M. W. B. work throughout the conference the coming year.

3. We farther recommend that we give the movement for the education of a Medical Missionary undertaken by our General Conference W. H. and F. M. S. our most hearty and loyal endorsement and support; realizing the sad need for a person thus equipped on our missionary field. We bid our Sister Ruby Paine of Iowa, God speed as she begins her medical course this fall.

4. We farther recommend that every lady present at this conference session, who will when she returns to her work, be in touch with any local society do all in her power. to encourage hearty, loyal, faithful co-operation of the Local, Conference and General Conference Societies.

To this end we recommend that a printed copy of these recommendations be sent to the President of each Local Society, urging that she give them her most careful attention, and that she more strictly insist on the carrying out of the constitution of the Local Missionary Society, and Y. M. W. B.. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Mrs. F. A. McMillan, Pataskala, Ohio; Vice-President, Mrs. Jessie Smith, Galena, Ohio; Secretary

and Treasurer, Rev. Mrs. Anna Kirk Folger, Marengo, Ohio; Superintendent Y. M. W. B., Miss Sophia Rachler, West View, Ohio; Organizer, Rev. Mrs. Anna Kirk Folger, Marengo, Ohio.

Evening meeting Aug. 22, 1908. Appropriate music, followed by reading of Scripture, and prayer; after which a short program was rendered; then the Rev. E. Teter gave an interesting outline of the needs of the work: especially the home field.

A subscription and offering was taken amounting to \$43.86.

Rev. Mrs. Francene A. McMillan, President; Rev. Mrs. Anna Kirk Folger, Secretary.

STATISTICS OF W. H. and F. M. SOCIETY OF CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE.

CHARGE	No. of Members	No. of Y. M. W. B.	Amount of Y. M. W. B. Money	Money by Missionary Society	Home	Foreign	Expense of Revue- ence and Church Work	Total
Africa.....	46	12	\$15.20	\$97.99	\$ 5.00	\$30.06	\$30.83	\$97.99
Fargo.....	35	32		69.68	10.84	16.04	6.00	75.68
Harrison.....	16	17	16 17	60.78	41.90	84.43	2.55	189.66
Olmsted.....	16	10	5.20	16.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	22.00
Senecaville.....	9	4	4.68					
West View.....	17	4	3.02	8.15	2.25	6.10	1.80	18.30

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MIAMI CONFERENCE
OF THE
WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNECTION
OR CHURCH OF AMERICA

Held at Dunkirk, Ohio, August 25-26, 1908

President:—Rev. H. Livingston.
Secretary:—Rev. J. B. Omerod.
Assistant Secretary:—C. O. Bosworth.

Trustees:—H. Livingston, C. Friedley, L. M. Martz.

MIAMI CONFERENCE ROLL, 1908.

Elders.

Rev. J. T. Brown, Belle Center, O.
Rev. B. M. Gillen, New Richland, O.
Rev. Robert Johnson, Columbus Grove, O.
Rev. H. Livingston, Marion, O.

Licentiates.

F. M. Loader, Forest, Ohio.
Moses Packer, Bellefontaine, Ohio.
J. R. Miller, Marion, Ohio.
William Russel, Arlington, Ohio.
Sister M. A. Jennings, Findley, Ohio.

Lay Delegates.

C. O. Bosworth, Grover Hill, Ohio.
C. Friedley, Dunkirk, Ohio.
Isaac Butler, —.
W. B. Balinger, —.
Mary Wise, —.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The sixty-sixth annual session of the Miami conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America met at Dunkirk, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1908, in the auditorium of the Camp-meeting Association at 2 P. M. and was called to order by the President, Elder H. Livingston. The religious services were conducted by the President.

The following elders were present: H. Livingston, J. B. Omerod, B. M. Gillen, and Robert Johnson.

The following lay delegates were seated: C. O. Bosworth from Paulding Circuit; C. Friedley, Dunkirk charge; Isaac Butler and Mary Wise.

The examination of character was taken up. The report of the

President H. Livingston was read and approved and character passed. Rev. B. M. Gillen reported and character passed. He was continued in the superannuated relation.

The name of Robert Johnson was called and character passed. He was continued on the Superannuated roll.

Rev. J. B. Miller reported his work on the Paulding charge. On motion he was received to travel under the direction of the conference.

The name of J. B. Omerod was called and his report accepted and he by previous arrangement was granted a letter of standing by the President of the Miami conference.

On motion by C. Friedley the conference proceeded to vote on the terms agreed upon by the trustees of the Central Ohio conference and the Miami conference as basis on which the two bodies were to unite in a new body to be known as the Ohio conference.

Rev. O. H. Ramsey, President of the board of trustees of the Central Ohio conference, read the terms of agreement. A ballot was taken on the adoption of the terms of agreement which resulted in six votes being cast for the union and one against. The terms of union were declared adopted.

The names of Rev. H. Livingston and C. Friedley were presented, to represent the Miami conference on the board of trustees to act in the organization of the Ohio conference to which property rights of the old conferences should be passed to the new body—the result of the ballot was six votes for C. Friedley and five votes for H. Livingston. They were declared elected. On motion conference adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

H. Livingston, President; C. O. Bosworth, Assistant Secretary.

Morning Session, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1908, 8:15 A. M.

Conference was called to order by the President. Devotional services were held—the roll was called. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Brother W. H. Munsell and Wm. B. Russell were recommended by their respective quarterly conferences to be received

to travel under the direction of the conference. On motion of C. Friedley the recommendations were referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. Rev. B. M. Gillen and Rev. Robert Johnson, were appointed to fill vacancy on the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders caused by the removal of Rev. E. V. Potter and the withdrawal of Rev. John Stroup. In open conference the delegate from Paulding circuit requested the return of Brother J. R. Miller. The request was granted.

On motion of Brother Ballinger Sister Jennings was received to travel under the direction of the conference. At the request of the delegate from Findlay, Sister M. A. Jennings was chosen to fill the work at that place. On motion of Brother C. Friedley, Ada and Dunkirk were left in the hands of the President and the members of the charge to arrange for a pastor.

It was reported that there was a division of opinion at Kenton in regard to pastor. On motion of Brother Bosworth supported by Brother Friedley, Brother Loader was sent back to Kenton subject to the approval of the church.

The delegate from Bellefontaine requested the return of Brother Packer. The request was granted. On motion of Brother Friedley Brother E. V. Potter was granted a letter of standing.

On motion conference adjourned to meet at one P. M.

H. Livingston, President; C. O. Bosworth, Asst. Secretary.

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1908, 1 P. M.

Conference met per adjournment. Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders through its chairman, Rev. Livingston, submitted the following report which was adopted.

We refer Brother Munsell back to his quarterly conference and recommend that Brother Russel be received to travel under the direction of the conference.

Signed, H. Livingston, B. M. Gillen, W. B. Ballinger.

Rev. H. Livingston reported two dollars and fifty cents superannuated fund on hands. On motion this amount was ordered divided equally between Brother Gillen and Brother Johnson.

An appeal was made to the conference in behalf of the Findlay church. Voluntary subscriptions were taken amounting to thirty dollars cash.

On motion the conference adjourned to give way for the organization of the Ohio conference.

H. Livingston, President; O. H. Ramsey, Secretary Pro Tem.

Appendix I.—President's Report.

Dear Brethren of Miami Conference, Greeting:—Since our last meeting on this camp-ground the Lord has been very gracious to my soul. I am glad to tell you that this has been a year of opportunity to me. Many doors have opened, where I have had the opportunity of preaching Jesus to precious souls.

Soon after our last conference we held a two weeks meeting at Owens Station where some souls professed to be saved. Then we assisted in a tabernacle meeting held at Old Zion church, a few miles from Marion, where the Lord wonderfully helped in the salvation of souls. Held a three weeks' meeting in the Asbury Mission with twenty-five at the altar. Then held a meeting at Augusta and one at Caledonia with good results. During leisure hours preached at the City Mission, David Street Mission and a number of times in the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church.

Preached two funerals, had one wedding and held a number of cottage prayer meetings.

All this time we were praying the Lord to give us a work that we might call our own, but not seeing any thing, still believing the place would be opened. About the first of May our Father turned the Asbury Mission with all its belongings to us, including three months Sunday-school supplies. We now have a Sunday-school averaging an attendance of fifty, using Wesleyan literature. Have praise meeting Sunday P. M., preaching Tuesday and Friday of

each week. There has been quite a quickening among the people who attend the mission and several backsliders have been reclaimed.

My conference work this year has been as follows: Bellefontaine was left without a preacher. I appointed Brother Packer to that work. Sent Brother Loader to fill vacancy left by Brother John Stroup. Received Brother Royal Miller into the church and appointed him to Paulding circuit.

Granted letters of standing to Rev. S. Portman and Rev. John Stroup. Did all in my power to effect this union between the two conferences, appointed Brother Omerod to hold third quarterly meetings at Emerald, Kenton and Findlay. I held fourth quarterly meetings at Kenton, Bellefontaine, Auglaise and Dunkirk.

My candid opinion before God is, that our conference is gaining ground. Our people are in harmony with each other and my prayer is, that our God may bless Miami conference and make her a blessing.

H. Livingston.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CIRCUITS	Time employed Months	Appointments Chu ches	Members received	Died.	Granted letters	Present Number	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Wes. Meth's taken	S. S. Banners taken	Lesson Helps taken	No. Sub. Schools	No. Supts.	No. Teachers	No. Scholars	No. Meeting Houses	Value of	Pastors' Salary	Evan. Receipts	Superannuated	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Sabbath Schools	Build'g and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Other benev. objects	
Ada.....	3	1	1	3	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	\$1000	\$ 5.12	\$19.10	\$...	\$...	\$ 1.00	\$...	\$...	\$...	\$ 6.00	\$...	
Bellefontaine...	7½	1	1	5	1	..	24	5	1	1	48	50	1	1	3	24	1	600	100 50	..	..	5.60	2.00	..	6.25	1.30	10.00	..	
Dunkirk.....	12	1	1	5	2	..	4	..	..	..	20	30	1	1	5	23	1	1000	300.56	49.70	1.25	2 00	53.55	..	20.54	25 00	69.87	..	
Patterson.....	6	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	400	..	..	..	1.17	..	..	44.00	9.15	..		
Panlding.....	3	3	3	13	..	1	57	12	..	..	35	60	2	2	8	51	3	2600	26.25	81.53	1.25	4.00	4.50	79	34.80	60.00	2.50	..	
Total.....	31½	7	7	26	3	5	153	17	2	2	19	103	140	4	4	16	98	7	5600	432.44	151.40	2.50	11.60	60.05	79	60.59	90.30	155.02	2.50

Columbus Grove, Fairfield, Findlay and Kenton were not reported. Last year's statistics give these points a membership of 78.

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

At Dunkirk, Ohio, August 26, 1908

O. H. RAMSEY, Temporary Chairman.

ARTHUR W. SMITH, Temporary Secretary.

Permanent Officers:—Henry R. Smith, President; Henry Livingston, Vice-President; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary; C. O. Bosworth, Assistant Secretary; Cornelius Friedley, Treasurer.

Trustees:—Rev. O. H. Ramsey, Rev. Henry R. Smith, Rev. Henry Livingston, Loren H. McMillen and Cornelius Friedley.

Advisory Board:—Rev. L. L. Folger and Ira B. Benedict.

Dunkirk, Ohio, Aug. 26, 1908, 2 P. M.

The time agreed upon in the terms of union formulated by boards of trustees of the Central Ohio and Miami conferences of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, having arrived, the representatives of the two bodies assembled at Dunkirk, Ohio, the place chosen for the organization, were called to order by Rev. O. H. Ramsey, President of the Central Ohio conference and chairman of the Board of Trustees. He announced that the election of a temporary Chairman and Secretary would be in order. On motion O. H. Ramsey was chosen temporary Chairman and Arthur W. Smith temporary Secretary. Acting under the certified terms of union adopted by the merging bodies, the organization of the Ohio conference was affected by the election of permanent officers. Tellers were appointed and a ballot

taken for President. Henry R. Smith received a majority of the votes cast and was declared elected.

Henry Livingston received a majority of the votes cast for Vice-President and was declared elected.

On motion the President cast the ballot of the conference for Arthur W. Smith for Secretary.

C. O. Bosworth nominated for Assistant Secretary and the Secretary ordered to cast the ballot of the conference for him for that office.

Cornelius Friedley elected Treasurer.

Arthur W. Smith, O. H. Ramsey, L. L. Folger, L. H. McMillan and C. Friedley were elected Committee on Presidency.

L. L. Folger and I. B. Benedict were elected as Advisory Board.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders were chosen as follows: Arthur W. Smith, first year; Francena A. McMillan, second year; H. Livingston, third year.

Judiciary Committee chosen as follows:—O. H. Ramsey, H. R. Smith, A. W. Smith, C. O. Bosworth and L. H. McMillan.

Missionary Board selected as follows: H. R. Smith, Anna K. Folger and L. L. Folger.

Time and place of next meeting: Tuesday before the third Wednesday in August, 1909, at Dunkirk, Hardin Co., Ohio, 2:30 P. M.

A motion prevailed that the President hold at least one quarterly meeting on each charge during the year and his salary to be \$150, said sum to be apportioned among the various churches according to their ability to pay. O. H. Ramsey and H. Livingston were chosen a committee to make the apportionment of President's salary.

On motion the officers of the Ohio conference were empowered to restore Rev. O. H. Ramsey to the Superannuated roll with the appropriation from the Superannuated Fund agreed upon in the Central Ohio conference, and be authorized to increase the amount in case of need.

On motion the persons selected by the Central Ohio conference, and the Miami conference be chosen as a Board of Trustees for the Ohio conference, names as follows: From Central Ohio conference: O. H. Ramsey, H. R. Smith, and L. H. McMullen; From the Miami conference: Henry Livingston and Cornelius Friedley.

Chairman Ramsey formally turned over to the officers of the Ohio conference all the records, papers and property hitherto held by the Central Ohio and Miami conferences.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary procure a new journal in which to keep the records of the Ohio conference.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary print the minutes of the last sessions of the merging conferences and the minutes of the organization of the Ohio conference under one cover and that he draw on the treasury to meet expenses.

On motion the Secretary was instructed that in recording the minutes of the newly organized Ohio conference, that he indicate each year what would be the annual number of each of the merging conferences, the next being the sixty-seventh year of the Miami conference and the sixty-first year of the Central Ohio conference.

Adjourned.

O. H. Ramsey, Chairman Pro Tem.; Arthur W. Smith, Secretary; H. R. Smith, President elect.

Appendix I.—Report of Committee to Apportion Assessments for President's Salary.

Africa, \$15; Ada, \$1.20; Bellefontaine, \$4.20; Big Prairie, \$2.70; Columbus Grove, \$1.20; Cutler, \$3.65; Dunkirk, \$8.25; Fairfield, \$1.80; Findlay, \$4.35; Fargo, \$20.25; Greersville, \$14.85; Harrison, \$12.75; Kilvert, \$4.20; Kenton, \$4.35; Mansfield, \$1.05; Patterson, \$3.30; Paulding circuit, \$4.20; Senecaville circuit, \$15.25; West View, \$9.75; Whites Chapel, \$1.80; Total, \$152.55. Rate of assessment 15 cents per member.

O. H. Ramsey, H. Livingston, Committee.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CIRCUITS	Years	Months	Time empl'yd	CIRCUITS																																												
				Appointments	No. Churches	Members Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Baptized	Licentiates	Wesleyan Meth's taken	Sunday School Banners taken	Wesleyan Sunday School Helps taken	No. S. Schools	Superintendents	Teachers	Scholars	Books in Library	Meeting Houses	Value of	Parsonages	Value of	Pastor's Salary	Donations	Fees	Parsonage Rent	Total Pastor's Receipts	Conf. Evangelists	Superannuated Ministers	Conf Incidentals	Sabbath Schools	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total Conf. Work.	Missions	Education	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Conf. and General Work	Total for all Purposes	Average per memb.	Average for Miss's		
Africa.....	12	1	1	12					4	106		6	7	4	3	23		80	1	1	8	105		1	\$1200	1	\$800	\$377.34	\$20.92	\$			\$398.26	\$	\$4.60	\$	\$31.50	\$	\$51.97	\$486.33	\$72.69	\$10.00	\$30.85	\$113.54	\$599.87	\$	5.66	\$.68
Senecaville....	12	3	4	1	5	1			4	106		6	4	1	16	25	60	1	1	5	75		4	1600			236.00					286.00		1.50	1.50	40.00	6.00	170.00	455.00	38.35		15.00	53.35	508.35	3.91	.36		
Harrison.....	12	1	1	3						72		2	3		19	25		1	1	7	90		1	2000	1	900	375.98					375.98	52.10	2.85		45.00	432.27	16.70	924.90	104.41	75.91	30.00	210.32	1125.22	17.85	1.45		
Kelvert.....	12	1	1	3						35							48	1	1	3	20						27.16					27.16	3.05		3.00		2.81	36.02				36.02	1.03					
Greensville....	12	2	2	3					3	97		5	5		14	35	125	2	2	8	110		2	2000	1	1000	362.75	83.07	20.00	48.00	513.82	31.80	10.50	12.00	45.00	40.00	40.00	683.12	52.50	9.00	93.00	154.50	837.62	8.53	.53			
West View.....	12	2	2		9	2			2	52		4	4		16	75	24	2	2	11	90	430	2	1800	1	1000	333.00	219.59		84.00	636.59	48.96	2.00	2.25	60.23	215.00	55.00	1020.03	141.98	25.00	38.23	205.18	1225.21	23.52	2.44			
Cutler.....	12	1	1	6						28		6		2	2		50	1	1	4	42		1	900								636.59	13.55	1.42	1.00	7.00		6.50	29.47	1.00		23.18	24.18	53.65		.03		
Fargo.....	12	2	2		1	1			4	126		3	1	2	25	55	156	2	2	10	130	75	2	3500	1	1000	335.00	95.00	20.00	60.00		3.00			56.07	262.15	84.80	916.02	47.00	10.00	46.27	103.27	1619.29	8.22	.37			
West Virginia..	12	3	3	3						111		3	3					3	2	10	101	72	2	2300		1	145.98						56.61	5.25		33.24	223.17	12.00	330.27	14.73			845.00	675.27				
Mansfield.....	9	1	1	8						28		8			6	20	30	1	1	3	16		1	2000	1	400	110.35	12.25			122.60	48.33	2.50	3.00	13.23	92.37	38.13	320.16	15.00	2.00	7.00	17.00	337.16	12.59	.53			
Big Prairie.....	12	1	1	4						13		7		2	4		40	1	1	4	30		1	575			126.58				126.58	11.62			8.00	96.00	6.00	248.20				248.20	19.09					
Whites Chapel..	12	1	1	4						13		7		2	4		40	1	1	4	30		1	575			126.58				126.58	11.62			8.00	96.00	6.00	248.20				248.20	19.09					
Total.....	129	17	19	47	5	16	10	14	774	26	32	24	8	128	235	613	16	15	73	809	577	17	17875	6	5100	2430.14	430.83	40.00	192.00	2946.99	266.02	33.62	19.75	342.27	1366.96	483.91	5549.49	487.66	139.91	384.50	896.07	6675.86	11.17	.80				

Increase over last year \$364.20.